

Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club

2023 Racing Series

Notice of Race

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The racing program at the RKYC is intended to offer competitive racing without sacrificing the enjoyment of sailing and the fun of family participation. The following RKYC races are open to yachts regardless of club affiliation: Grand Bay Series, Endurance Race, Canada Day Race, Harbour Race, Rothesay Race, Digby Race & September Series. The goal of this policy is increased participation in our racing program.
- 1.2. Remember: the RKYC racing program is for all of our members come out and enjoy! The race committee is interested in what you think of the program and wants to hear any suggestions or new ideas that you may have for either this year or next. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Racing Committee with your comments or questions.
- 1.3. 2023 Race Committee Members:
 - 1.3.1. Chris Herrington (Committee Chair), Shirley Harrity, Seth Holditch, Ross Phinney, Terry Reed, David Richards, Dave Weyman, Brian Wheelock, Gina Wilkins
- 1.4. 2023 Technical Committee Members:
 - 1.4.1. Ross Phinney, David Richards, Brian Wheelock

2. New for 2023

- 2.1. The Race Committee will make efforts to broadcast to the fleet their intentions and to make courtesy broadcasts on VHF channel 68.
- 2.2. The race committee may start Monday night races from the committee boat. Competitors are reminded that if the race is started from the committee boat the start line will be between the staff of the orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark. It will not be a range to the island unless started from the main wharf.
- 2.3. There will be a separate start line and finish line for Grand Bay and September short course racing. The finish line will be between a blue flag on the committee boat and an orange finish mark.
- 2.4. Yachts must register for Open (Weekend) Races a minimum of three days before the race. A minimum of five (5) boats must be registered for the event to continue.
- 2.5. The Digby race time limit has been set as 2000 hours for all yachts
- 2.6. The length of the Digby Race finish line has been shortened to approximately 1.4nm
- 2.7. The hearing request time limit has been changed to 30 minutes

3. RULES

- 3.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the RKYC website.
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5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1. The official notice board is located within the clubhouse.
- 5.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel(s) 16 and 68.
- 5.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 5.4. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Scheduled of races:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>Date</u>
Monday Night Series	Closed	June 12 th – September 11 th , except July 31
Wednesday Night Series	Closed	June 14 th – September 13 th , except August 2
Grand Bay Series (Short Course)	Open	June 17 th
Grand Bay Race (Distance)	Open	June 18 th
Endurance Race	Open	June 24 th
Canada Day Race	Open	July 1
Harbour Race	Open	September 9 th
Rothsay Race	Open	September 10 th
September Series (Short Course)	Open	September 16 th
September Race (Distance)	Open	September 17 th
Digby Race	Open	September 23 rd
Finish Line Party	Open	TBD

7. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1. Registration Requirements

<u>Race</u>	<u>Registration Requirements</u>
Monday Night Series	Registration Not Required
Wednesday Night Series	Registration Not Required
Grand Bay Series (Short Course)	Email Intention to Race to herrington@bellaliant.net by June 14 th
Grand Bay Race (Distance)	Email Intention to Race to herrington@bellaliant.net by June 14 th
Endurance Race	Email Intention to Race to herrington@bellaliant.net by June 21 st
Canada Day Race	Email Intention to Race to herrington@bellaliant.net by June 28 th
Harbour Race	Email Intention to Race to herrington@bellaliant.net by Sept. 6 th
Rothsay Race	Email Intention to Race to herrington@bellaliant.net by Sept. 6 th
September Series (Short Course)	Email Intention to Race to herrington@bellaliant.net by Sept. 13 th
September Race (Distance)	Email Intention to Race to herrington@bellaliant.net by Sept. 13 th
Digby Race	Email Registration from to herrington@bellaliant.net by Sept. 20 th

- 7.2. A minimum of five (5) boats must be registered for the event to continue.
- 7.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements.
- 7.4. Races classified as “Closed” are open to boats of RKYC members only. All crew must be members of RKYC. Guest crew are permitted to participate in a maximum number of three races each year. Registration is not required for “Closed Races”

- 7.5. In races classified as “Open,” the regatta is open to all boats. Yachts and crew are encouraged to attend regardless of club affiliation.
- 7.6. Visiting boats for open races must report to the race committee prior to the start of the race.
- 7.7. All boats must be a minimum of 20 feet in length.
- 7.8. Jib & Main fleets will be subdivided into small fleets as follows: Class A will be defined as boats with a PHRF base rating with all applicable adjustment except the cruising adjustment below 110; all others will be Class B. Fleets will only be split into two classes if there are a minimum of three yachts competing in each class.
- 7.9. The PHRF rating system applies to boats racing. Prior to the start of the racing season, any new boats to the fleet or boats who have made modifications are required to complete “The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of RKYC” rating application form available on the RKYC website and submit it to the technical committee.

8. RISK STATEMENT

- 8.1. RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 8.2. Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See *rule 4, Decision to Race*. The organizing authority does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

9. INSURANCE

- 9.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
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Registration Form
Saint John to Digby Race
Saturday, September 23rd 2023

YACHT NAME:	
RACING OR CRUISING CLASS:	
CLUB AFFILIATION:	
OWNER/ SKIPPER:	
PHONE:	
E-MAIL:	
SAIL NUMBER:	
HULL COLOUR:	
MANUFACTURER / MODEL:	
LENGTH:	
NOTE ANY ALTERATIONS FROM STANDARD DESIGN AND EQUIPMENT (EG. SAILS, PROPELLER, SPINNAKER POLE, ETC.)	

Note: (spinnakers, gennakers, not permitted in cruising class)

By entering my boat, I, _____, agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association and the sailing Instructions. Furthermore, I accept responsibility regarding the decision to race.

Signature of owner or owner's representative

Date